# California Distance Learning Health Network (CDLHN) and University of California Television (UCTV)

### **Partnering to Improve Distance Learning**

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# Strategic Partnerships

 CDLHN and UCTV have formed a strategic partnership to promote distance learning opportunities throughout California.

#### CDLHN Resources:

- network of satellite downlink receivers for viewing
- organized network of professional audience members
- Produces as well as promotes broadcasts
- Spanish Language Translation Capabilities
- International connection

#### UCTV Resources:

- 24/7 broadcasting and webcasting
- UCTV offers a wealth of consumer and health professional programs
- CME/CEU accredited programs for distance learning





# University of California Television UCTV

#### Non-commercial educational station

- Began broadcasting January, 2000
- Vision: to create a window on the workings of the University of California
- broadcasts 24/7 via Dish Network and direct broadcast to C-band satellite receivers with dvb decoders
- Cable stations throughout California and beyond carry UCTV
- UCTV satellite broadcasts is approaching 13 million households nationwide



### **UCTV** on the Web

- UCTV webstreams all programming as it is broadcast
- Houses a robust archive of programs as Video-on-Demand
  - Convenient for busy professionals
  - Always available

#### UCTV LIVE!

- Provided by V-Brick Systems
- Captures live presentations (e.g. Grand Rounds)
- Permits real time viewing via TV or the Web



Broadcasts to nearly 13 million households nationwide

## Moving Satellite Broadcast from Analog to Digital

- Advantages of Digital broadcasting
  - More channels in less bandwidth for more programming
  - Improved quality
  - Encryption capabilities



- Allow analog broadcasts to be received digitally
- Very inexpensive



- Economy of signal allows for 24/7
- UCTV uses MPEG-2 compression
- Next step in UCTV's distance learning evolution
  - Live Interactive Capability



Analog receiver for satellite dish



Digital decoder for UCTV Broadcasts

# Building a Satellite Network

- In 2003, CDLHN and the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) completed satellite installations for all of California's 61 Local Health Jurisdictions
- Network connects over 100 downlink sites including hospitals, medical clinics, universities, and health departments.

ALL of California's Local Health Jurisdictions are equipped to downlink the latest Immunization and Bio-terrorism Preparedness information.



# Supporting California DLFs

#### **Equipment & Technical Assistance**

- CDLHN serves DLFs at all the California Local Health Jurisdictions
  - coordinating satellite equipment procurement and installation
  - providing technical assistance and trainings to help DLFs facilitate downlinks by the:
    - Creation of quick reference guides
    - Creation of training video
    - Site visits to distance learning location



San Luis Obispo County

Pictured: Dr. Greg Thomas & Barbara Schwenoha

# Support through Marketing and Resource Materials

#### **Marketing and Facilitating**

- CDLHN created the DLF Handbook & Marketing CD ROM including:
  - Easy-to-implement facilitation techniques & tips
  - Easy-to-use marketing and promotions schedules and templates for in-house design & printing

#### **Printed Resource Materials**

- Providing DLFs with information on a variety of satellite broadcasts through:
- Quarterly e-Satellite+ Program Guide
- Direct Mail
  - Postcards
  - Flyers
  - Brochures



Equipping DLFs with tools to save time & money!

# Working together, we can accomplish so much more.

### THANK YOU

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